HAPPINESS IS 4-H

By Frank H. Sweet
Extension Agent

Congratulations to the 29 girls who modeled in the 1977 4-H Dress Revue. Top winners were Jane Guill in the Junior Division and Laurie McLean in the Senior Division. Special awards were provided by Carole's Fashions, Schembers of Farmville, Leggett's of Farmville, Ben Franklin Store, Sangil Garment Company and the Appomattox Farm Bureau Women's Committee.

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The State 4-H Dog Show will be held in Richmond on September 22. Five Appomattox 4-H'ers will be showing their dogs: Patty Harris, Lisa Mitchell, Charlotte Moore, Dana White and Luann Crain.

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Saturday night at the Five County Fair will feature the Talent Show. All 4-H'ers are eligible to enter the talent program, and we encourage you to take part. Appomattox has had several winners in the Senior Division over the past several years, including Tamara Nash, who will emcee this year's program. If you would like to take part, but haven't signed up, please call Mr. Goldman at our office (352-8244) before Saturday.

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A number of Appomattox 4-H'ers will be traveling to the State Fair in Richmond on Friday, September 30, to present demonstrations and illustrated talks. This will be a real great opportunity for our young people and a chance to tell people across the state about 4-H in Appomattox.

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Our newest Extension Agent who will be with us at least until January is Miss Claudette Smith. Miss Smith is from North Carolina and has already become involved in many of our 4-H programs. You 4-H'ers will look forward to meeting her this fall.

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There's a brand new 4-H Small Engine Project that really looks good. You 4-H'ers with an interest in engines will surely enjoy it.

4-H'ER OF THE WEEK: Tamara Nash will will emcee the Talent Show at the Five County Fair and will also serve as Honorary Chairman in this year's Bike-a-Thon.

RECEIVES DEGREE

Miss Debra J. Rowe received her BA degree in English Literature and Writing from Lynchburg College on August 12, 1977.

Debra is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil J. Rowe.

HOMECOMING DAY SET AT EARLY'S CHAPEL

Homecoming Day will be observed at Early's Chapel United Methodist Church on September 18, 1977.

The Rev. Dabney Walters will be the guest speaker for the worship service at 11:15 a.m.

A picnic lunch will be served following the worship service. For the afternoon service there will be several groups participating in a Hymn Sing starting around 2 p.m. The theme this year is "Family Day." Come, bring your family and worship with us.

Golden Trumpteers To Celebrate Anniv.

The Golden Trumpteers of Appomattox, Va. will celebrate their 26th anniversary this Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. at the Appomattox Elementry school. The general public is cordially invited to attend. The entire program will be composed of musical selections from quartetts and singing groups across the State. A general offering will be lifted at the end of the first half of the program.

A very large crowd of members and friends attended the homecoming and the beginning of the annual revival last Sunday at the Mount Obed Baptist Church of Stonewall. The pastor, Rev. Deb. Christain delivered the morning sermon and beautiful music was rendered by the home choir. The afternoon service began at 3 P.M. Devotionals were conducted by the Reverends R. Q. Lawing, Jr. and H. O. Flood. Special music was rendered by the C street senior choir of Lynchburg, Va. The pastor of C street Baptist Church, Rev. Wayne was the guest speaker. Dinner was served to all by the ladies of the church. The offering for the day was very good.Services will be held each evening beginning at 7:30, with the Rev. R. A. McCray, pastor of the Second Mineral Spring Baptist Church as speaker.

Impressive service was held at the Mount Shiloh Baptist Church last Sunday morning. The pastor conducted the devotions. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Jr. delivered the morning message. All present enjoyed the message. The senior choir rendered beautiful music.

Union baptizing service will be held at the Promise Land Baptist Church on the fourth Sunday morning in this month at 10:30. All candidates are asked to be present and on time. Regular preaching will follow the baptizing at 11 a.m.

The program rendered by the Junior choir of the Mount Airy Baptist Church last Sunday evening at 7 P.M. was enjoyed by all who came. The program was in place of the regular evening service.

The Seven Wonders of Lynchburg, Va., an outstanding singing group will render a musical program at the Mount Shiloh Baptist church on the fourth Sunday evening in this month at 7 P.M.. All officers, members and friends are invited to attend.

Regular preaching service will be held at the Zion Baptist Church this Sunday morning at 11 a.m. with the Rev. L. E. Hankins, pastor in charge. The Pastor's Aid Club met at the home of Mrs. Magnolia Franklin last Saturday at 7 P.M. with the president Mrs. Susie Hunter, presiding, and the secretary, deacon Johnson and chaplian Mrs. Mildred Wheeler at their post. Regular business was transacted and the committee on planning for the Aid's anniversary made its report. The committee recommended tha the program will be held on the fourth Sunday evening in this month at 3 P.M. The Rev. Mr. Davis of Amherst, Va. will be the guest speaker and music will be furnished by the Triumph Jr. choir. The Ladies Aid of the Zion Baptist Church held its regular meeting at the church at 2 P.M. Mrs. G. W. Wiggins, president presiding. Our secretary, Mrs. Franklin recorded the minutes. The devotions were conducted by our chaplian Mrs. Etta Edwards. Regular business matters were discussed and offering was taken up. Mrs. Magnolia Franklin was appointed chair lady for a special talent program to be given at a later date. The following members will serve on the committee: Mesdames Susie Hunter, Mattie Lawson, Barbara Radcliff and Nannie Johnson. At the close of the meeting a very delicious dinner was served by Mrs. Mary Randolph as hostess.

The Pamplin community extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Harry Jennings in the death of his brother, Lynn who died in New York.

Messers Moat Wright and Will Nowlin of Baltimore, Md. are spending some time here with his sister-in-law, Mrs. Ada Nowlin of Route 1, Appomattox.

Funeral service for the late Mrs. Nettie Mae Harvey Bumgardner of Baltimore were conducted at the Chestnut Grove Baptist Church Tuesday at 4 P.M.. The Rev. R. Q. Lawing, Sr. delivered the eulogy. Burial was held in the church cemetery. The West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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GOOD NEWS FOR HOMEMAKERS

By Shirley W. Walton
Extension Agent

MAKE A SPLASH WITH SHELLS

What did you do with the sea shells you collected this summer? Maybe you are planning to take a fall trip to the seaside. If you do, collect some shells.

There are many ways to use shells in decorating your home. After you have collected the shells, spend some time cleaning them. Place the shells in a net bag and drop into boiling water for five minutes; larger shells, five inches or more, need 10 to 12 minutes. Cool the shells under cold water. Using tweezers, discard animal matter and scrub and rinse the shells.

Another way to clean your sea shells is to freeze them. To freeze, clean the shells, wrap them in wax paper and place overnight in the freezer. The next day, soak the shells in lukewarm water for an hour; organisms can then be removed easily with tweezers to complete the cleaning process.

After cleaning, soak shells for a few hours in a solution of one cup of liquid bleach to two quarts of water. Remove the shells; rinse and dry. After the shells dry, shine them with a mixture of three parts of lighter fluid, one part of clear mineral oil buff with a soft cloth.

To work with your shells once they are clean and bright, you need only strong all-purpose glue glue and whatever decorative elements you have decided to incorporate. It is also good to have epoxy resin cement handy in case super strength is desired.

For your design, take a good luck at your shells. Also, consider what you could use and where it will be placed. Do you need a picture frame? An old wooden picture frame can be refinished by adding a few coats of paint, sanding lightly with 0000 sandpaper between each coat. Too, you might leave the picture frame unpainted.

Glue shells down at corners; then fill in the spaces between. Add your family photo, maybe the one you took while collecting the shells. This picture could find a choice place over your desk or next to a grouping of plants.

For a shadow box display, you will need two acrylic plastic picture frames from which you have removed the cardboard insert from one, she said. You might use an 11-by-14-inch frame and an 8-by-10 inch frame. Glue shells to the inner surface of the smaller frame, sandwich frames back to back and secure with epoxy glue.

Do you have an old mirror with a frame that is wide and flat enough to decorate or you can have someone cut a piece of one-fourth-inch plywood to whatever shape and size you wish? Use epoxy glue to affix a mirror to the back of the frame. Glue layers of shells, a section at a time, making sure each is dry before adding the next layer.

Baskets are great for texture. They just add a special look. If you have a basket with handles, stuff the bottom with crumpled heavy wrapping paper. This provides a base to glue shells to and eliminates hiding pretty specimens at the bottom of the basket. This could be used as a centerpiece for special meals -- when serving seafood. An old canning jar is most attractive filled with shells. This makes a nice accessary in a bathroom.

A decorative box could be just what you need to hold several of your prized shells. Locate a box the size you need, give it several coats of paint, a topping of colored paper for accent and add a sprinkling of glued-on shells. The old box could be a cigar box or if you are lucky, you might find an old music box to decorate.

A shell wall-hanging could be a family project. Paint a piece of foam core or one-fourth-inch plywood the color of your choice. Glue shells in a gold geometric pattern on the painted surface, apply a stick-on picture hook and hang. Foam core is available from art supply stores usually, three-sixteenths inch thick. This project will give you an opportunity to work with a new material.

It is fun to create a shell sculpture. Play with lines and shapes. Select a piece of driftwood or a slab of quartz or petrified wood. Too, you could make a miniature sculpture form with shells glued to polished glass. If you find these design expressions interesting, and do not have any shells, you can find shells at most large craft shops.

Designing articles for your home can give you many unique items. Also, the time spent in making these items can be fund and a great opportunity for the family to get together and enjoy leisure time experiences.

RECIPE OF THE WEEK
Hamburger Casserole

2 Tablespoons cooking oil
1 cup chopped onions
½ cup chopped celery
1 diced green pepper
1 lb. hamburger
2 cans cream of chicken soup
1 can mushroom soup
8 oz. box noodles
Bread crumbs
Grated cheese

In pan put cooking oil - add the onions, celery and green pepper. Let all these cook slowly until soft and onions brown. Add hamburger and cook until brown. Add cans of cream of chicken soup and mushroom soup, let simmer. Cook noodles and drain. Add noodles to the hamburger mixture and let cook for 5 minutes. Put all in baking dish and cover with crumbs and grated cheese. Put in a 350°F. oven until all is bubbling (approximately 20-25 minutes). This dish can be frozen or kept in refrigerator before baking.

Area Youth May Become Scouts

All boys 8 - 10 years of age in the Appomattox - Pamplin area will have an opportunity to become Cub Scouts and Scouts on Thursday, September 22, according to Jim Kincaid of Lynchburg.

Jim is chairman of "School Night to Join Scouting," a program sponsored each fall by the Central District of the Blue Ridge Mountains Council, Boy Scouts of America.

Interested boys and their parents may visit with neighborhood Cub Scout Packs at elementary schools near their homes to learn about the cub scouting program of activities and to join an existing Cub Scout pack or find out how to organize a new unit. Participating schools are Appomattox Elementary School and Pamplin Elementary School.

Kincaid reported that 197 boys plus their parents participated in this special program last year.

The schools will be open beginning at 7:30 p.m. Demonstrations consisting of hiking and camping skills, nature and ecology exhibits and crafts will precede the meetings. Jim suggests that boys and their parents come early and join in the fun.

FOR SCOUT AGE BOYS, 11 - 15, TROOP 546, sponsored by the Appomttox Lions Club, is holding a special Open House on September 20th so if interested boys can come to a regular troop meeting and see what scouting is all about. Danny Garrett, the Scoutmaster, can give you the specific details. His phone number is 352-7632, home; 352-7181, business.

PAMPLIN

On Sunday, September 4, 1977, Mr. and Mrs. Nick Green of Prospect, graciously entertained as their dinner guests, Rev. and Mrs. G. R. Clay Roxboro, N. C.; Rev. and Mrs. F. R. Wearer of Chapel Hill, N. C.; Mrs. Mattie Singleton and Mr. Charlie T. Jordon of Prospect, and Mrs. Florence M. Patterson of Pamplin.

JORDAN

Everyone who has paid their money to go with Rev. Elliott to Washington on Sunday, Sept. 18, 1977, is to meet at the Triangle Plaza Parking lot in Appomattox at 7:30 A.M. Sunday morning. Please be on time.

Church Meeting will be held Tuesday night at 7:30 P.M. All members are asked to attend this important meeting.

The Junior Choir will sponsor a Lawn Party on Saturday, September 24th beginning at 5:00 P.M. This will be at the home of Mrs. Edna Moore.

On the 4th Sunday in September at 6:00 P.M. the Harps of Zion will celebrate their 6th Anniversary at the Jordan Baptist Church. The public is invited to come and make this program a success.

STONEWALL

Blessed be ye poor; for yours is the kingdom of God. Luke 6:20.

We must congratulate Mr. Osborne Davidson on his birthday. We thank God for such a long life he has given him.

Sunday visitors of Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Wheeler were Mr. and Mrs. Ben Wheeler, Mrs. Bertha Jones and Richard, Mr. and Mrs. Sheets and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Webb. How we did enjoy their visit.

Mrs. Juanita Ewers had her sister Mr. and Mrs. Walter Firkins of Lynchburg to visit her Saturday night. On Friday night, Mrs. M. Ewers came to see her.

Mrs. Leslie Toddy has a broken knee and is in right much pain at her home.

Miss Gail Moore is doing nicely at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

Mr. Jon McCraw is receiving treatment at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville.

Mr. Hugh Braford and Mr. E. O. Carson are in Virginia Baptist Hospital.

Mrs. Dan Carson is in the hospital due to a car wreck Saturday. Hope all the sick will soon be better.

Mrs. John Alvin III had her aunt and uncle from Florida to visit her last week.

Rev. Mitchell and family went to their old church in Albermarle Va. Sunday.

Master Timothy Pagdett is doing fine at Shrines Hospital in North Carolina.

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